

FRCLE, AGARTALA CONDUCTS TRAINING ON VERMICOMPOSTING

Forest Research Center for Livelihood Extension, Agartala (Tripura) organized a Day-long Skill Development Training on Vermicomposting at Shingichara, Khowai District, Tripura on 26th July, 2022. The Training programme was attended by 30 participants, mainly village women and it was organized at the Bamboo Nursery of Shri Rajib Kanti Paul, a local Entrepreneur.

The Training started with welcome address by Shri R. K. Kalita, Head, FRCLE, Agartala. Shri Niren Das, ACTO & Training Co-ordinator, FRCLE, Agartala addressed the gathering and spoke about the objectives of the training programme. Shri Kalita, in his opening remarks, highlighted the importance of vermicomposting and mentioned that there is a growing realization now that the adoption of economical, eco-friendly and sustainable farming practices can improve productivity and contribute to environmental protection. He also said that vermicompost can play a vital role in improving the economic condition of rural people through commercial production as the raw materials required for establishment of the low-cost vermicomposting unit are abundant in the local area.

Shri Mridul Sen, *GramPradhan*, Shingichara village also participated in training and addressed to participants and discussed with the officials of FRCLE regarding future strategy for improvement for this area. The hands-on training and practical demonstration were conducted on construction of vermicomposting unit. The technical details on vermicomposting techniques involving construction of bamboo vermicomposting unit and its establishment using locally available resources were practically demonstrated by Shri Sameer Acharjee, Master Trainer. *Eisenia fetida*, the preferred and suitable earth worms which was brought from FRCLE, was also added in newly established vermicompost production unit.

At the end of the Training, the Head, FRCLE, Agartala suggested to trainees for further replicate the model in their localities. He also assured to continue to provide necessary technical support from FRCLE, Agartala for smooth running of their low-cost vermicomposting units in future.

GLIMPSES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME








